GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:337
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2017
Indian Students Studying Abroad
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian students studying abroad as on date, State and country-wise and the number out of them registered under the MADAD portal, launched by the Government in 2015;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government does not have the information about the visa documentation and the account of the number of students leaving the country for studies abroad; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 337 REGARDING "INDIAN STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD" FOR ANSWER ON 09.08.2017

(a) As per inputs received from Missions/Posts abroad, an estimated 5,53,440 Indian students are studying abroad. However, state-wise break-up of students is not available. A statement indicating estimated country-wise number of Indians students is attached as Annexure 'A'. Presently, the students' registration under the MADAD Portal is voluntary and 12580 students have registered as on August 7, 2017.

(b) & (c) Indian students wishing to pursue higher studies abroad have to apply for student visas directly to foreign Embassies in India. Requirement of information as part of visa documentation is determined by foreign Governments as visa is the sovereign right of a foreign country. Therefore, information about the visa documentation is not available.

As per extant regulations, registration of students proceeding abroad is not mandatory. Hence, precise number of students leaving the country for studies abroad is not available with the Ministry.
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